

# **RICHMOND DEMOCRAT**

Thursday Evening, Dec. 25, '79.

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Hon. B. F. Massey, Secretary of State under Governor Stewart's administration, died in St. Louis last week.

The Republicans of Maine are holding indignation meetings over the action of Gov. Garcelon in "counting in" and "counting out."

An exchange says a postmaster in Ohio was recently fined \$50 for reading a postal card that passed through his office. That story is too thin. State something with more body to it.

The bullet which entered the chest of Mayor Kallach, of San Francisco, last August, and that has, since his convalescence, caused him considerable trouble, has been extracted from his left arm pit.

Gen. Walker, the superintendent of the census department says no appointments will be made on partisan grounds in his department. All that is very pretty talk but still none but Republicans will be appointed.

The state fund commissioners drew their requisition and obtained a warrant on the treasurer, Monday, for \$420,000 to pay the interest on the state debt, maturing in New York on the first of January.

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Mr. William McKee, the principal owner of the *Globe Democrat*, the leading Republican paper of the state, died suddenly from the effect of a paralytic stroke, in St. Louis on Friday night last.

Turner, of the *Carrollton Record*, says he is glad the Republicans were counted out in Maine. Please say that over again and say it slow, that we may be certain that we do not mistake your meaning.

The legislature of Maine will meet on the 7th of January and proceed to the election of Gov. Garcelon's successor and other state officers. There will also be a number of contested seats in both houses to engage the attention of the session.

The Democrats will stand firmly in favor of greenbacks in Congress this winter. The fact is, the Democratic party is the friend of the people and will not permit the people's money to be destroyed to please John Sherman and the money power of the country who control him.

Mr. Fraley, president of the National Board of Trade, has presented an argument to the House committee on commerce, favoring the creation of a federal commission to regulate freight and passenger rates on inter state lines of railways.

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The radicals pay an unintentional compliment to the Democrats. They say, the stealing of Maine will break up the Democratic party. But the radicals stole three states in 1876 and found that it greatly strengthened them with their adherents.

The next Republican National Convention will be held in Chicago, on the 3rd day of next June. Aspirants for a Republican nomination for President and Vice-President of the United States, can now begin work in earnest. Hyena Blaine seems to be gaining ground among the stalwarts.

Since the selection of Chicago as the place for holding the Republican National Convention, the Presidential "boomers" are soliciting themselves on the fact that there are fourteen thousand and liquor saloons in that city. It is a great pity that the last Legislature did not enact the Bell Punch law. It would have filled the State Treasury to overflowing during the session of the Rep. Nat. Con.

If you neglect to vote one way or the other on the bond compromise question and are careless about the matter, the bond holders will conclude that you have not the energy to fight the matter further and will get a mandamus on the county court to compel a tax levy to pay off the judgments now against the county. You had better attend to this business while you have an opportunity.

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The St. Louis Times' Washington correspondent thinks the election of Don Cameron as Chairman of the Republican Central Committee, and the selection of Chicago as the place for holding the next National Convention, means that Grant is to be the Republican nominee for the Presidency. His idea is that Chicago was selected in the interest of Grant.

## **GOVERNOR OF MAINE.**

The *Sedalia Democrat* of last Sunday contained the following complimentary words to Governor Garcelon of Maine, for his action in counting the vote recently in that state:

"Governor Garcelon is both the hero and the prophet of the new regime. He sees that party spirit is today in the United States is superior to every other sentiment, emotion, or principle. He saw the Presidency stolen and the Republicans rejoicing over the successful consummation of the deed. He saw the condemnation of the business interest of the whole country made of the fraud. He saw Tilden sold and sacrificed. He saw Republicanism jubilant, rampant, defiant. He knew that if he could arouse the blood in the sluggish veins of the Democracy and make it flow as the blood of a soldier when from the far front comes the first skirmishing shot, all the future would be before it, stirring with battle scenes and radiant with victory. He needed to strike but a blow, and he struck it. One can hear his echoes today, from Portland to the Pacific. It has put into the blood of every Democrat from Moose Head Lake to the Gulf of California. Never mind the right or the justice of the thing just now—although it was buttressed up on right and justice—that can be discussed later on. What concerns the Democracy just now above everything else, is the issue made. The wresting of Maine from the hands of the Republicans will naturally infuriate them. Reprisals will follow surely. Nothing loth, the Democrats will rally to resist. Party spirit, that precious yet remorseless curse of Republics, will be evoked. Somehow, no matter how, the black flag on either side will be lifted, and then? Then what? *Vae Victis!*"

When the Democratic party is united as one man, and as it has been united in the days of its glory and its courage, nothing that lives to day in the shape of political organizations in the country can stand before it, let the fight be in any shape it may."

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Our friend D. J. Heaston, State Senator from this district, has written a letter to the *Bethany Broad-Ax*, in which he explains his action on the school book question in the legislature last winter. His letter closes as follows:

"A bill was introduced into the Senate which had my earnest support, proposing to establish a state board to select school books for the use of all common schools in the state, provided terms could be arranged with the publishers to secure them at a reduction of not less than forty per cent. below the present price. The bill provided that the committee should consist of the State Superintendent, President of the State University and the Presidents of the three Normal Schools, and the Presidents of the Board of Education of St. Louis, St. Joseph, Kansas City and Springfield. This would secure the selection of nine worthy men whom the people in different ways had selected for responsible positions, and distinguished and incorruptible educators. This bill would have saved to the people of the state over \$100,000 annually. If the people do not tie their hands for five years and will urge the adoption of some such measure as that above alluded to, they can secure its adoption. Should I be spared to occupy a seat in the next State Senate I shall use my best endeavors to secure the passage of such a measure, believing as I do that it is to the interest of the people."

I will ask the *Clipper*, in justice to myself, to copy this short communication. Yours, &c. D. J. HEASTON.

Two brick business houses were burned in Chillicothe on Sunday night last, belonging to Henry Leeper and Thos. B. Bratton. Losses: E. G. Floyd, boot and shoe store, loss \$5,500, insurance \$1,000; J. L. Davis, law office, loss \$2,000, insurance \$500; Henry Leeper, building \$3,000, no insurance; Michael & Weiss, cigars, loss \$2,000, no insurance; W. Norville, law office, loss \$1200, no insurance; Thos. B. Bratton, building \$3,300 insurance \$2,500. It is not known how the fire originated.

The daughter of Mr. J. Smith, a farmer living near Mendon, Charleston county, committed suicide on Wednesday morning last week by hanging herself. She ate breakfast with the family, but was found hanging to a fence post, about an hour afterward. She was about twenty-five years of age. No cause is assigned for the rash deed.

A special to the *Sedalia Democrat*, dated Lexington, December 12th, says: Officers of the Burlington and Southwestern railroad company have been here all day examining the surroundings, etc., and sounded the river below Lexington. Our people feel much interested in this proposed road which we think will be built.

*Carrollton Democrat*: Mr. R. G. Martin, President of the Carroll Exchange Bank, marketed seven hogs a few days ago at an average 470 pounds each.

## **1000 READERS (P)**

Some Facts Regarding Them, by a Former Agent of Metcalf's Series—now General Agent of D. Appleton & Company.

A Man Who Claims Acquaintance With the Eight Authors.

Patrons, look carefully over the books for yourselves, and decide the question.

Count the number of CATS, DOGS and MONKEYS in the first three books, and compare them with the number of faces of men and women—the companions and protectors of the child—and make up your mind if these cats are not a mere farce. The alphabet does not appear in any of the books.

Read any paragraph in these books and see if it sounds child-like, natural, and makes common sense. Scrutinize the grammar, punctuation, construction of sentences, gradation, adaptation of matter to the comprehension of the minds of the children for which it was intended, and you can but determine the books a failure.

Book making is an art, and needs a life-long apprenticeship in order to produce a successful work. One head, producing accuracy, accuracy, accuracy, is necessary.

The Appleton series of Readers have been made by thirty persons, five males and three females, neither of whom ever made a reading book, or assisted in making one before.

There is a lack of system, accuracy, gradation, adaptation and common sense running through the series, and perceptible on every page. Again, the books have not been recognized by leading educators as a meritorious series. They are an experiment, and where tried are unsuccessful, as many teachers in Minnesota will testify.

This becomes a critical era for the schools, on account of the mandatory law concerning text-books, which are to hold for their five years succeeding their adoption.

Take Appleton's First Readers for instance. See lesson 3. A PEACH TREE. No. 2. Red, 1.33; 3. 1.33; 4. 1.33; 5. 1.33; 6. 1.33; 7. 1.33; 8. 1.33; 9. 1.33; 10. 1.33; 11. 1.33; 12. 1.33; 13. 1.33; 14. 1.33; 15. 1.33; 16. 1.33; 17. 1.33; 18. 1.33; 19. 1.33; 20. 1.33; 21. 1.33; 22. 1.33; 23. 1.33; 24. 1.33; 25. 1.33; 26. 1.33; 27. 1.33; 28. 1.33; 29. 1.33; 30. 1.33; 31. 1.33; 32. 1.33; 33. 1.33; 34. 1.33; 35. 1.33; 36. 1.33; 37. 1.33; 38. 1.33; 39. 1.33; 40. 1.33; 41. 1.33; 42. 1.33; 43. 1.33; 44. 1.33; 45. 1.33; 46. 1.33; 47. 1.33; 48. 1.33; 49. 1.33; 50. 1.33; 51. 1.33; 52. 1.33; 53. 1.33; 54. 1.33; 55. 1.33; 56. 1.33; 57. 1.33; 58. 1.33; 59. 1.33; 60. 1.33; 61. 1.33; 62. 1.33; 63. 1.33; 64. 1.33; 65. 1.33; 66. 1.33; 67. 1.33; 68. 1.33; 69. 1.33; 70. 1.33; 71. 1.33; 72. 1.33; 73. 1.33; 74. 1.33; 75. 1.33; 76. 1.33; 77. 1.33; 78. 1.33; 79. 1.33; 80. 1.33; 81. 1.33; 82. 1.33; 83. 1.33; 84. 1.33; 85. 1.33; 86. 1.33; 87. 1.33; 88. 1.33; 89. 1.33; 90. 1.33; 91. 1.33; 92. 1.33; 93. 1.33; 94. 1.33; 95. 1.33; 96. 1.33; 97. 1.33; 98. 1.33; 99. 1.33; 100. 1.33; 101. 1.33; 102. 1.33; 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